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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 1, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A cancer diagnostic method, comprising: ~~comprised of,~~
a process to obtain ~~the~~ a sample containing RNA only, comprising the steps of:
~~as a somatic cell and cancer~~ obtaining a cell fraction from a body fluid; and
selectively extracting RNA from said cell fraction; and
a process having a reverse transcription reaction step to generate cDNA using reverse transcriptase from the sample containing said RNA only and a PCR reaction step ~~utilizing~~ in the presence of a fluorescent dye, using the following primers for hTERT, CGGAAGAGTGTCTGGAGCAA (SEQ ID NO: 1) and GGATGAAGCGGAGTCTGGA (SEQ ID NO: 2) to quantify said PCR product amplified by said PCR reaction, comprising quantitatively measuring the fluorescence of ~~using~~ the fluorescent dye binding to the PCR product.

Claim 2 (Canceled).